

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Services - Disciplinary Proceedings against Smt.K.Elizibeth Rani, former Tahsildar, V.V.Palem, Prakasam District (Retd) - Violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 - Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.181

Dated:17.03.2022.

Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.120, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, Dt:17.03.2022.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded in the reference read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt.K.Elizibeth Rani, former Tahsildar, V.V.Palem, Prakasam District (Retd) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of charges (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure - III & IV).

3. Smt.K.Elizibeth Rani, Tahsildar (Retd) is directed to submit, within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defense.

4. Smt.K.Elizibeth Rani, Tahsildar (Retd) is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt.K.Elizibeth Rani, Tahsildar (Retd) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para-3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Smt.K.Elizibeth Rani, Tahsildar (Retd) is invited to Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt.K.Elizibeth Rani, Tahsildar (Retd) is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. SAI PRASAD

SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Smt.K.Elizibeth Rani, former Tahsildar, V.V.Palem, Prakasam District (Retd) through the District Collector, Prakasam District, Ongole.

Copy to:

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.

The Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District, Ongole.

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ANNEXURE-I**ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST Smt.K.ELIZABETH RANI, FORMER TAHSILDAR, VOLETIVARIPALEM MANDAL (RETD ON 31.08.2019)**

Article of Charge-1:

Smt K.Elizabeth Rani, Retired Tahsildar, while working as Tahsildar, Veletivaripalem and being a Tahsildar and authorized officer, no action has been taken for cancellation of DK Pattas and for resumption of the DK lands as the DK pattadars have violated conditions No.2 of D.K.Patta under BSO 15 (12) (3) and not followed the procedure for grant of assignment to new persons as contemplated under BSO 15 (4) prior to recording the names of (1) Upputuri Peda Kondaiah, S/o Ramaiah, (2) Paleti Narayana, S/o Malyadri, (3) Upputuri Venkata Rao S/o Pedda Kondaiah, (4) others, (5) Vemuri Krishnaiah, S/o Osuraiah, (6) Gummalla Ramesh, S/o Subba Rao, (7) Gummalla Subbarao, S/o Narasaiah, (8) Gummalla Suresh, S/o Subba Rao, (9) Gummalla Suresh, S/o Subba Rao in respect of Sy.No.30/1, 30/2, 36/2, 37/3, 39/2, 39/3, 40/1, 40/3, 14/1P respectively of Ramalingapuram Village of V.V.Palem Mandal in online records (Webland) in place of earlier assignees.

Thus, Smt K.Elizabeth Rani, Retired Tahsildar, Voletivaripalem Mandal(now retired) deliberately violated the rules, which amounts to misconduct and exhibited lack of integrity devotion to duty which is unbecoming for a Government servant and thereby violated Rule 3 of APCS[Conduct] Rules, 1964. Hence the Charge.

Article of Charge-2:

Smt K.Elizabeth Rani, Retired Tahsildar, while working as Tahsildar, Valetivaripalem and being a Tahsildar and Recording Authority recorded the names of (1) Upputuri Peda Kondaiah S/o Ramaiah; (2) Paleti Narayana, S/o Malyadri; (3) Upputuri Venkata Rao S/o Pedda Kondaiah; (4) others, (5) Vemuri Krishnaiah, S/o Osuraiah; (6) Gummalla Ramesh, S/o Subba Rao; (7) Gummalla Subbarao, S/o Narasaiah in respect of Sy.No.30/1, 30/2, 36/2, 37/3, 39/1, 39/3, 40/1, 40/3, 14/1P of Ramalingapuram Village of VoletivariPalem Mandal in online (Webland) by deviating the entries made in manual ROR Records (such as 1A, 1B, Adangal F.1421) without any evidence i.e acquisition right. Without amending connected manual ROR records (such as 1A, 1B, Adangal F.1421) and without processing any files by following procedure of issuance of Form-8 Notices and others contemplated guidelines and procedure and thereby failed to follow the Rules contemplated in Section 4 & 5 of A.P.Rights in Land & Prattadar Pass Books Act, 1971 r/w Rules 6 to 9 of A.P.Rights in Land & Pattadar Pass Books Rules, 1989.

Thus, Smt K.Elizabeth Rani, former Tahsildar, Voletivaripalem Mandal (now retired) deliberately violated the rules, which amounts to misconduct and exhibited lack of integrity devotion to duty which is unbecoming for a Government servant and thereby violated Rule 3 of APCS[Conduct] Rules, 1964. Hence the Charge.

Article of Charge-3:

Smt K.Elizabeth Rani, Retired Tahsildar, while working as Tahsildar, Veletivaripalem and being a Tahsildar and Recording Authority recorded the names of (1) Upputuri Peda Kondaiah S/o Ramaiah; (2) Paleti Narasaiah, S/o Malyadri; (3) Upputuri Venkata Rao S/o Pedda Kondaiah; (4) others, (5) Vemuri Krishnaiah, S/o Osuraiah; (6) Gummalla Ramesh, S/o Subba Rao; (7) Gummalla Subbarao, S/o Narasaiah in respect of Sy.No.30/1, 30/2, 36/2, 37/3, 39/1, 39/3, 40/1, 40/3, 14/1P of Ramalingapuram Village of VoletivariPalem Mandal in online (Webland) using the Option "Adangal Correction" by uploading irrelevant documents by colluding with Sri S.Murali, Computer Operator, Tahsildar's Office, V.V.Palem with a malafied intension.

Thus, Smt K.Elizabeth Rani, Retired Tahsildar, Voletivaripalem Mandal(now retired) deliberately violated the rules, which amounts to misconduct and exhibited lack of integrity devotion to duty which is unbecoming for a Government servant and thereby violated Rule 3 of APCS[Conduct] Rules, 1964. Hence the Charge.

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ANNEXURE-II**STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST Smt.K.ELIZABETH RANI, FORMER TAHSILDAR, VOLETIVARIPALEM MANDAL (RETD ON 31.08.2019)**

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1. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Kandukur submitted report stating that one Sri Sk.Hussain, S/o Hussain Saheb and Sri Ch.Ravi Kumar S/o Malakondaiah resident of Thimmapalem village of Ponnalur Mandal have requested to take action against the Tahsildar, Voletivaripalem Mandal and VRO as they have deleted 1B Khata Nos.46, 57, 57, 60, 63,64,65,67 and 104 and entered other names in Web-land and further reported that the irregularities committed by Smt K.Elizabeth Rani, former Tahsildar, Voletivaripalem; Sri P.Sundara Rao, former VRO, Ramalingapuram of Voletivaripalem Mandal and Sri S.Murali, Computer Operator O/oTahsildar, Voletivaripalem.
2. On verification of report received from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kandukur, it is noticed that Smt.K.Elizabeth Rani, former Tahsildar, Voletivaripalem; Sri P.Sundara Rao, former VRO, Ramalingapuram of Voletivaripalem Mandal and Sri S.Murali, Computer Operator O/oTahsildar, Voletivaripalem have violated Rules and deleted the said Khata Nos and entered other names in web-land.
3. That the petitioner Sri Shaik Hussain, Prakasam District has filed a complaint before the Hon'ble Lokayukta of AP against Smt K.Elizebat Rani, former Tahsildar, Valetivaripalem, P.Sundara Rao, former VRO, Ramalingapuram of Voletivaripalem Mandal and Sri S.Murali, Computer Operator O/oTahsildar, Voletivaripalem as they have committed in tampering of land records in S.No.30/1, 30/2, 36/2, 37/3, 39/1,39/3, 40/1, 40/3, 14/1P of Ramalingapuram Village of Voletivaripalem Mandal.
4. In this regard, the Sub-Collector, Kandukur has reported that:
 - As per F.L.R of Ramalingapuram Village, the Sy.No.29, measuring an extent of Ac.559.00 is originally classified as "Adavi". The last survey number in FLR is 29. In the abstract column it was noted as "Gayalu". It was further splitted into different survey numbers with different extents starting from Sy.No.29 to 52. Further, in the year 1985 the following persons (as shown below at Col.No.4 of table) were assigned with the subject lands and D.K.Pattas were granted to them.
 - As per Form-1A, 1B and connected online entries, the names of following persons were recorded as Pattadars in respect of survey numbers and extents as submitted hereunder:

Annexure-1									
Sl. No	Sy. No	Total Extent	Adangal Correction						Remaks
			Before changes done by Smt K.Elizebath Rani, former Tahsildar, V.V.Palem			After changes done by Smt K.Elizebath Rani, former Tahsildar, V.V.Palem			
			Date & Time	Name of the pattadar	Extent	Date & Time	Name of the pattadar	Extent	
1	30-1	4.49	10.06.2016, 16.00.00	Kande Malakondai	4.94	10.06.2016, 16.18.00	Upputuri Peda Kondaih S/o Ramaiah	4.94	
2	30-2	4.94	26.06.20	Others	4.81	24.05.	Gurram	4.81	

			16			2016 15.45. 00	Punnaiah Narasimham		
			24.05.20 16 15.45.00	Gurram Punnaiah	4.81	24.05. 2016 15.47. 00	Vemuri Krishnaiah S/o Osuraiah	4.81	
			10.6.201 6 16.14.00	Vemuri Krishanaih S/o Osuraiah	4.81	10.6.2 016 16.51. 00	Paleti Narayana, S/o Malyadri	4.94	
3	36-2	5.04	10.6201 6 16.01.00	Others	5.04	10.6.2 016	16.10.00	Medik onda Rangi ah, S/o Narasi mham	
			10.6.201 6, 16.10.00	Medikonda Rangiah, S/o Narasimha m	5.04	10.6.2 016, 16.51. 00	Upputuru Venkatarao, S/o Peakondaiah	5.04	
4	37-3	5.14	-	Others	5.14	-	Others	5.14	No change s made
5	39-1	4.97	10.6.201 6, 16.02.40	Others	4.97	10.6.2 016, 16.50. 00	Gurram Punnaiah, others	2.13, 2.84	
			-	-	-	10.6.2 016, 16.51. 00	Vemuri Krishnaiah S/o Osuraiah, Others	2.13, 2.84	
6	39-3	4.99	10.6.201 6, 16.01.00	Others	4.99	10.6.2 016, 16.51. 00	Gummalla Ramesh, S/o Subbarao	4.99	
7	40-1	5.01	10.6.201 6, 16.01.00	Others	5.01	10.6.2 016, 16.51. 00	Gummalla Subbarao, S/o Narasaiah	5.01	
8	40-3	5.01	10.6.201 6, 16.01.00	Others	5.01	10.6.2 016, 16.42. 00	Gummalla Suresh, s/o Subbarao	5.01	
9	14- 1P	15.8	29.9.201 5, 10.33.00	A.W	15.75	29.9.2 015, 13.05. 00	Gummalla Suresh, S/o Subbarao, Others	12.75 3.00	
						19.1.2 016, 12.34. 00	Gummalla Suresh, S/o Subbarao, Others	3.00 12.75	
						21.1.2 016, 10.30	Others Gummalla Suresh, Sadu Venugopal, S/o Kondaiah	7.39, 3.00, 5.36	
						24.5.2 016,	Others, Sadu Venugopal, S/o	7.39, 5.36,	

					15.49.00	Kondaiah, Gummalla Suresh	3.00	
					25.5.2016, 16.32.00	Others, Gummalla Suresh, S/o Subbarao	12.75, 3.00	

- The aforesaid lands are kept vacant on ground and no such persons are in cultivation on ground.
- Whereas, as seen from online (Web Land) Records, instead of names of original assignees, the alleged officials have entered different Pattadars/Assignees illegally without any valid supporting record during their tenure.
- In connection with recording of names of others (as mentioned at Col.No.8 against S.No.5 of above table) in Webland are in contra to the original pattadar names as per manual records. Further, it is observed from the report of Tahsildar, V.V.Palem that (i) No evidence on record to show their acquisition of right through any mode in terms of Section 4 of A.P.Rights in Land & Pattadar Pass Books Act, 1971; (ii) No evidence on record to show either processing any files in relating to such mutation or connected files available in the office of Tahsildar, V.V.Palem; (iii) No assignment was made in favour of the persons, whose names were entered in Web Land during the tenure of alleged officers/staff i.e (1) Smt K.Elizabeth Rani, former Tahsildar, V.V.Palem; (2) Sri P.Sundara Rao, VRO & (3) Sri S.Murali, Computer Operator.
- The above D.K.Pattas, issued in favour of the above pattadars as mentioned in the above table were not cancelled and land was not resumed by the Tahsildar, as per the procedure prescribed in B.S.O -15, even through the D.K.Holders not failed to comply the condition in their DK Patta at S.No.2.
- No assignment was made to the webland entry holders by following the procedure as contemplated at BSO 15 (4) and further without following procedure contemplated at Section 4 & 5 of A.P.Rights in Land and Pattadar Pass Books Act, 1971 have issued PPB/TD.
- The then Tahsildar has been intentionally uploaded the irrelevant documents and corrections were made in respect of pattadar and enjoyment columns by colluding with the computer operator. But, no evidence was found on record regarding involvement of Sri P.Sundara Rao, the then VRO, Ramalingapuram in the alleged irregularities.
- Sri Upputuri Peda Kondaiah and 49 others whose names were entered in Webland have filed W.P.No.20003/2020 against the Government and original pattadars before Hon'ble High Court and the Hon'ble Court granted "Status-quo" orders in all aspects.
- Smt K.Elizabeth Rani and computer operator have violated the rules for resumption of the lands and entries made in ROR 1B and thereby they have committed irregularities by entering fake names against Sy.Nos.30/1, 30/2, 36/2, 37/3, 40/1, 40/3, 14/1P respectively of Ramalingapuram village of V.V.Palem Mandal.

5. The Sub-Collector, Kandukur has further submitted that the following irregularities have been committed by Smt K.Elizabeth Rani, former Tahsildar, V.V.Palem (now retired).

Irregularity-1: Being a Tahsildar and authorized officer, no action has been taken for cancellation of DK Pattas and for resumption of the DK lands as the DK pattadars have violated conditions No.2 of D.K.Patta under BSO 15 (12) (3) and not followed the procedure for grant of assignment to new persons as contemplated under BSO 15 (4) prior to recording the names of (1) Upputuri Peda Kondaiah, s/o Ramaiah, (2) Paleti Narayana, S/o Malyadri, (3) Upputuri Venkata Rao S/o Pedda Kondaiah, (4) others, (5) Vemuri Krishnaiah, S/o

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Irregularity-2: Being a Tahsildar and Recording Authority recorded the names of (1) Upputuri Peda Kondaiah, S/o Ramaiah; (2) Paleti Narayana S/o Malyadri; (3) Upputuri Venkata Rao, S/o Pedda Kondaiah; (4) others, (5) Vemuri Krishnaiah S/o Osuraiah; (6) Gummalla Ramesh S/o Subba Rao; (7) Gummalla Subba Rao S/o Narasaiah in respect of Sy.Nos. 30/1, 30/2, 36/2, 37/3, 39/1, 39/3, 40/1,40/3, 4/1P of Ramalingapuram Village of Voletivaripalem Mandal in online (web land) by deviating the entries made in manual ROR Records (such as 1A, 1B, Adangal F.1421) without any evidence i.e acquisition right. Without amending connected manual ROR records (Such as 1A, 1B Adangal F.1421) and without processing any files by following procedure of issuance of Form-8 Notices and other contemplated guidelines and procedure and thereby failed to follow the Rules contemplated in Section 4 & 5 of A.P.Rights in Land & Pattadar Pass Books Act, 1971 r/w Rules 6 to 9 of A.P.Rights in Land & Pattadar Pass Books Rules, 1989.

Irregularity-3: Being a Tahsildar and Recording Authority recorded the names of (1) Upputuri Peda Kondaiah, S/o Ramaiah; (2) Paleti Narayana S/o Malyadri; (3) Upputuri Venkata Rao, S/o Pedda Kondaiah; (4) others, (5) Vemuri Krishnaiah S/o Osuraiah; (6) Gummalla Ramesh S/o Subba Rao; (7) Gummalla Subba Rao S/o Narasaiah in respect of Sy.Nos. 30/1, 30/2, 36/2, 37/3, 39/1, 39/3,40/1,40/3, 14/1P of Ramalingapuram Village of Voletivaripalem Mandal in online (web land) using the option "Adangal Correction" by uploading irrelevant documents by colluding with Sri S.Murali, Computer Operator, Tahsildar's Office, V.V.Palem with a malafied intention.

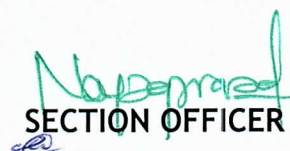
Lapses noticed on part of Sri S.Murali, Computer Operator, Tahsildar's Office, V.V.Palem, Mandal:

Irregularity: Being a responsible computer operator and functionary appointed to assist the Tahsildar and Recording Authority to perform online transactions entered the names of (1) Upputuri Peda Kondaiah, S/o Ramaiah; (2) Paleti Narayana S/o Malyadri; (3) Upputuri Venkata Rao, S/o Pedda Kondaiah; (4) others, (5) Vemuri Krishnaiah S/o Osuraiah;(6) Gummalla Ramesh S/o Subba Rao; (7) Gummalla Subba Rao S/o Narasaiah against the of Sy.Nos.30/1, 30/2, 36/2, 37/3, 39/1, 39/3, 40/1, 40/3, 14/1P of Ramalingapuram Village of Voletivaripalem Mandal in online (web land) in deviation to ROR records (such as 1A, 1B and Adangal F.1421) without any connected files and orders of Tahsildar and Recording Authority and thereby failed to follow his legitimate duty and made irregular entries in the name of 9 persons as Pattadars in Web land in respect Sy.Nos.30/1, 30/2, 36/2, 37/3, 39/1, 39/3, 40/1, 40/3, 14/1P respectively of Ramalingapuram Village of V.V.Palem Mandal by uploading the irrelevant documents under adangal correction option with a malafied intention.

6. In view fo the above, it is proposed to intitiate disciplinary action against Smt.K.Elizabeth Rani, former Tahsildar, Voletivaripalem Mandal (Retd).

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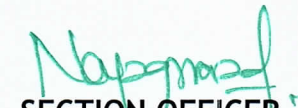
ANNESURE -III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT K. ELIZABETH RANI, FORMER TAHSILDAR, VOLETIVARIPALEM MANDAL (NOW RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

- 1. Revenue Divisional Officer, Kandukur, Rc.E/1051/2019, dated.02.05.2020.
- 2. Assistant Registrar-Cum-Drawing Officer, I/o Lokayukta, AP, Hyderabad, Lr.Dis.No.646/2020/B1/LOK/5561/2020, dated.31.07.2020.
- 3. Sub-Collector, Kandukur, Rc.E/1051/2019, dated.23.03.2021.
- 4. U.O.Note to A-Section, Collector's Office, Ongole, Rc.No.E2/264717/2021, dated.26.04.2021.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT K. ELIZABETH RANI, FORMER TAHSILDAR, VOLETIVARIPALEM MANDAL (RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

-Nil-

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